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the sweeping arm being movable generally horizontally from the one side of the throat portion to the opposite side of the throat portion so that the sweeping arm traverses a substantially entire width of the throat portion;

the sweeping arm including (i) a leading edge, and (ii) a hook portion disposed on the leading edge.

47. A module according to claim 46, wherein the sweeping arm includes a cutting mechanism for cutting a non-card obstruction in the throat portion.

48. A module according to claim 47, further comprising a first sensor for detecting when the sweeping arm is moved to the one side of the throat portion.

49. A module according to claim 48, further comprising a second sensor for detecting when the sweeping arm is moved to the opposite side of the throat portion.

50. A module according to claim 48, wherein the first sensor is located to detect if the cutting mechanism is damaged.

51. A module according to claim 46, further comprising a resilient bias for biasing the hook portion so that the hook portion remains in contact with a card when the hook portion is deflected by the card.

52. A self-service terminal comprising:
a fascia defining a card entry/exit slot; and
a motorized card reader module in registration with the card entry/exit slot and including (i) a housing portion for containing a card read head, (ii) a shutter member movable from a closed position to an open position to allow card to pass between the card entry/exit slot and the housing portion, and (iii) a sweeping member movable from one side of the card

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entry/exit slot to an opposite side of the card entry/exit slot to detect any non-card obstruction in the card entry/exit slot;

the sweeping member including a sweeping arm having a leading edge and a hook portion disposed on the leading edge.

53. A self-service terminal according to claim 52, further comprising sensor means for (i) detecting when the sweeping arm is located at the one side of the card entry/exit slot, and (ii) detecting when the sweeping arm is located at the opposite side of the card entry/exit slot.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 27-30, 37-42, 44, and 45 are canceled.

Claims 31-36, 42, and 43 are canceled, and new claims 46-53 are added in their place. Claim 46 is claim 31 rewritten in independent form. Claims 47-51 are the same as claims 32-36 but depend either directly or indirectly from claim 46. Claim 52 is claim 42 rewritten in independent form. Claim 53 is the same as claim 43 but depends from claim 53. No new matter has been added.

Each of claims 46-51 recites, inter alia, "the sweeping arm includes (ii) a leading edge, and (ii) a hook portion disposed on the leading edge". Applicant would like to respectfully point out that none of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests a sweeping arm including a hook portion disposed on a leading edge, as recited in each of claims 46-51 of the present application. Applicant would also like to respectfully point out that Webster's dictionary describes a "hook" as "a curved or bent device for catching, holding, or pulling".

Applicant notes that the Examiner refers to "C" in Figure 21 of Ohwa et al. However, Ohwa et al. describes "C" in Figure 21 as being a foreign matter insertion detection mechanism (see column 8, line 46 through column 9, line 20 of Ohwa et al.). Ohwa et al.